

PiLA EMAIL TO CURRENT FELLOWS  
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Dear fellows,

We wanted to check in with you all and to let you know that we are still monitoring coronavirus news and related health and travel guidelines, especially now that there have been several confirmed cases in Latin America.

Princeton University has not yet and as far as we know is not yet planning to remove students from currently active study abroad programs in Latin America. As of this morning, it appears that there are still no cases of “community spread” in Latin America – that is, there are indeed a few cases of travelers arriving in Latin America having already contracted coronavirus after traveling to Italy, China, etc., but **there is no confirmed news yet of spread from person-to-person within Latin America.**

We are doing daily check-ins with our iNext insurance contact as well as with other Princeton affiliates and organizations and we will continue to closely monitor international news. We will be in touch over the coming days and weeks with any updates and with any further guidance or news we receive.

As a precaution, please follow these guidelines from Princeton University to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus or other respiratory illnesses that may appear similar to coronavirus:

“The best things you can do are the same as those for preventing flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. Then throw the tissue in the trash and disinfect your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.”

(Source: <https://emergency.princeton.edu/coronavirus-faq-campus>)

Please feel free to let us know what questions you may have.  
We will be in touch again as we receive more updates.

All the best,

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